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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2756

Dear Supervisors:

**GATEWAY CITIES TRUCK TRAFFIC IMPACTED INTERSECTIONS, PHASE I, PROJECT
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 4
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Find that the Truck Traffic Impacted Intersections, Phase I, project to improve existing substandard intersections by constructing and/or reconstructing damaged sidewalk, curb and gutter, median, and bus pads; widening curb radii; and installing traffic signal upgrades at 28 intersections in the Gateway Cities area is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Gateway Cities Council of Governments desires the improvements of 28 intersections within 18 cities of the Gateway Cities area. The improvements will include roadway improvements such as constructing and/or reconstructing damaged sidewalk, curb and gutter, median, and bus pads; widening curb radii; and installing traffic signal upgrades at 28 intersections in the Gateway Cities area. A listing of the intersections is enclosed as Exhibit A.

The Gateway Cities experience significant truck-related impacts causing traffic congestion in the area. The project will improve the existing substandard intersections, accommodate the projected increase in truck traffic, and contribute to the reduction of toxic diesel emissions in the area. The County has agreed to act as the lead agency in the design and construction phases of the project.

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In accordance with the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, we request your concurrence that the proposed project is categorically exempt. A Notice of Exemption will be prepared and posted for public review.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence. By implementing the proposed improvements, residents of the County who travel on these roadways will benefit from the enhanced mobility, traffic safety, and air quality.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The project will not result in any fiscal impact on the County. The cost of the project will be entirely financed by Caltrans, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and the cities in the Gateway Cities area. The estimated cost of the project is \$8,250,000. A construction contract is anticipated to be advertised for bids at a later date, contingent on your approval of this action.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On May 15, 2001, Synopsis No. 81, your Board approved an agreement between the County and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments for the County to be the lead agency for the design and construction of the Truck Impacted Intersection project at no cost to the County.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The California Environmental Quality Act requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their action. The project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to Sections 15301(c) and 15302 of the California Environmental Quality Act and Class 1(x) 4, 7, 14, 19, and 22 and Class 2 of the County Environmental Guidelines.

Upon approval of the exemption by your Board, a \$25 handling fee will be paid to the County Clerk for filing a Notice of Exemption in accordance with the requirements of Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The proposed project will involve roadways that experience high volumes of traffic. There are an especially high number of trucks on these routes. The proposed improvements are needed and of general County interest.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to us.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

EXHIBIT A

City	Intersection	Cost Estimate \$
Artesia	Artesia Blvd/Pioneer Blvd	\$ 640,000
Bell	Atlantic Ave/Florence Ave	145,000
	Eastern Ave/Bandini Blvd	150,000
Bellflower	Artesia Blvd/Lakewood Blvd	75,000
Compton	Alondra Blvd/Central Ave	160,000
	Alondra Blvd/Wilmington Ave	180,000
Cudahy	Patata St/Atlantic Ave	65,000
Downey	Florence Ave/Paramount Blvd	340,000
Huntington Park	Slauson Ave/Santa Fe Ave	40,000
Lakewood	South St/Woodruff Ave	85,000
	South St/Bellflower Blvd	75,000
Long Beach	Santa Fe Ave/Pacific Coast Hwy	510,000
Lynwood	Imperial Hwy/Martin Luther King Blvd	660,000
Maywood	Atlantic Blvd/Slauson Ave	390,000
Montebello	Slauson Ave/Telegraph Rd	820,000
	Washington Blvd/Greenwood Ave	75,000
Norwalk	Imperial Hwy/Studebaker Rd	95,000
	Imperial Hwy/Norwalk Blvd	95,000
Paramount	Rosecrans Ave/Downey Ave	70,000
	Rosecrans Ave/Garfield Ave	70,000
Pico Rivera	Rosemead Blvd/Washington Blvd	500,000
	Rosemead Blvd/Whittier Blvd	740,000
Santa Fe Springs	Telegraph Rd/Norwalk Blvd	75,000
South Gate	Firestone Blvd/Garfield Ave	1,300,000

Vernon	Slauson Ave/State St & Boyle Ave	255,000
	Atlantic Blvd/Bandini Blvd	565,000
	Soto St/37th St/Bandini Blvd	75,000

TOTAL \$8,250,000

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